

**Village of Camillus  
Regular Meeting  
August 17, 2015**

Present: Mayor Patricia Butler

Attorney: Robert J. Allan

Trustee Ann Eckert

Trustee Helen Kiggins Walsh (absent)

Trustee Martin Rinaldo

Trustee Richard Waterman

5 people in attendance

Mayor Butler opened the meeting at 6:00 pm with the "Pledge of Allegiance".

**Camillus Police Department**

Lieutenant Macholl from the Camillus Police Department gave the following report for the months of June and July, 2015:

**Elm Street**

June: 2 Vehicle stops (1 ticket issued, 1 verbal warning), 1 ambulance call and 1 alarm call.

July: 25 vehicle stops (14 tickets issued, 6 written warnings, 5 verbal warnings), 2 property checks, 1 underage person drinking call (1 arrest), 2 status checks, 1 burglar alarms (false alarm), 1 vehicle accident, 1 hazard call, 1 property call (lost license plate).

**North Street**

June: 7 parking complaints (tickets issued), 1 parking dispute call (settled by police), 4 neighbor harassment calls (settled by police), 1 juvenile call (kids in backyards not found).

July: 1 fireworks call (settled by police), 1 disturbance/fight call (no fight found), 1 harassment call (domestic, settled by police), 1 trespass call (contractor working), 1 fire call (tree on porch, not suspicious, settled by fire department).

**Green Street**

June: 1 parking complaint (ticket issued), 1 domestic call.

**First Street**

June: 1 ambulance call, 1 domestic call.

July: 2 tenant/landlord dispute calls (settled by police), 2 information calls (landlord seeking advice, phone scam), 1 burglary call (police found no person inside home), 1 fire call (settled by fire department), 1 fight call of 12 juvenile (left before police arrived).

**Elderkin Avenue**

June: 2 domestic calls (1 arrest).

July: 2 barking dog calls (settled by police), 1 domestic call.

Mechanic Street

June: 1 property check (owner out of town), 1 fireworks call (settled by police).

July: 1 ambulance call.

Timber Ridge Drive

June: none.

July: 1 property check (owner out of town), 1 ambulance call.

Leroy Street

June: 1 fire call (bonfire, settled by police), 1 neighbor disturbance call.

July: 1 vehicle stop (ticket issued), 1 disturbance call (persons arguing, settled by police).

South Street

June: 1 traffic complaint (juveniles in golf cart, settled by police).

July: none.

Maple Drive

June: 4 ambulance calls, 1 harassment call (text to wrong number).

July: 1 ambulance call.

Rolling Hills Road

June: 1 vehicle accident, 1 domestic call (arrest made).

July: none.

Union Street

June: none.

July: 1 traffic stop (ticket issued), 1 traffic complaint (Ricelli trucks, settled by police).

Meadow Lane

June: none.

July: 1 neighbor dispute call (settled by police).

Genesee Street

June: 10 vehicle stops (4 tickets issued, 3 verbal warnings, 3 written warnings), 1 vehicle accident, 1 clothing escort (police assisted with return of property), 2 ambulance calls, 1 burglar alarm (employee without proper code), 1 larceny call (employee arrested), 1 property check (owner out of town), 1 traffic call (police unable to locate car), 1 loose dog call (owner located),

1 vehicle lockout (settled by police), 1 status check, 1 dispute call (settled by police), 1 neighbor noise call (settled by police).

July: 16 traffic stops (8 tickets issued, 5 written warnings, 3 verbal warnings), 1 parking call (settled by police), 1 assist to citizen call, 2 traffic calls (tractor trailer stuck at intersection, vehicle not stopping at crosswalk), 1 mental illness call, 2 ambulance calls, 2 property checks (owners out of town), 1 property call (turn in of handgun of deceased family member), 1 dispute call (female damaging property, settled by police), 1 animal call (injured deer), 1 vehicle accident, 1 informational call (business had broken window, no items missing but now considered possible burglary).

Lieutenant Macholl stated the police department will be watching the crosswalks more often due to several complaints.

Trustee Waterman applauded the police for their continued presence during daytime hours. NYS Troopers were asked to patrol the area in the evening. Lieutenant Macholl stated the Troopers did receive the information and are working on it.

Mayor Butler asked about persons that are possibly operating a business out of a home and may be switching license plates illegally. Mr. Reagan stated the business is a codes issues but license plates are a police issue.

Mayor Butler thanked Lieutenant Macholl for his report and for the assistance of two other police officers during the press conference earlier in the day.

### **Camillus Fire Department**

Chief James McBride stated there were 37 alarms during the past month. The department has a lot of training and live burns scheduled. An officer's meeting was held last Monday with Howlett Hill officers to schedule more training.

A picnic was held for members of both Camillus Fire Department and Howlett Hill Fire Department and their families on Saturday, August 15, 2015.

Car 3 is out to Northside Collision to be repaired after the collision with a deer. It should be finished tomorrow or Wednesday.

The new pizza oven is fully connected in the kitchen at the fire station. Members that assisted in cleaning the kitchen were given the chance to use the new oven. The health department is expected soon for an inspection.

The department voted in two new members and reinstated two former members for active status: Edwin "Buddy" Rhoades and Brian Moon.

On October 14, 2015 the department will be meeting with the Town of Camillus regarding a new budget. Mayor Butler stated she will also attend.

Trustee Waterman asked if the department will be actively renting the banquet hall soon. Chief McBride stated the health department inspection should happen first. The department is also looking into window blinds and round tables to make the hall more attractive.

Trustee Eckert asked Mayor Butler if she is a member of the Camillus Fire Department. Mayor Butler stated the members made a mistake and believed she is an honorary member instead of a former member.

### **Code Enforcement**

Code Enforcement Officer William Regan stated there was an illegal 4<sup>th</sup> apartment previously at 28 North Street. This living area has been added to an existing apartment upstairs and is now legal. This structure is now a three family home again.

The lawn at 9 Leroy Street need to be mowed and the bank has been sent a certified letter. Mayor Butler suggested placing the cost of mowing this parcel on the tax bill in the case that the bank does not respond.

Upon the motion of Trustee Rinaldo and seconded by Trustee Waterman and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to place the cost of mowing the lawn at 9 Leroy Street if necessary.

The property at 5 Leroy Street is now vacant and a neighbor has been warned to stop parking vehicles and trash at that property. This neighbor has been notified to stop any and all small engine repair and any other unlicensed business. Mayor Butler advised that this neighbor may be harassing other neighbors as well.

The landlord at 24 Elm Street has been warned to care for the lawns. Notices have been sent and it is not yet taken care of. A follow up call will occur tomorrow.

A&R Auto wishes to change their business sign as an improvement. The Board and Attorney Allan wish to review the changes first.

Trustee Waterman stated work has occurred all week at 22 Elm Street. Mr. Reagan confirmed that this crew has been addressing all violations. Trustee Waterman advised of a rotted tree at that location. Mr. Reagan stated he will bring it to their attention.

Mayor Butler advised Mr. Reagan of a motorcycle parked in the front yard at Genesee Street. Mr. Regan advised her to no longer park it there. It is now moved to the side. Mr. Reagan stated he will check to see if this motorcycle and the owner's car are in fact registered properly.

Mayor Butler announced that Mr. John Tal is in attendance. Mr. Tal wishes to change an office area on the first floor at 18 Genesee Street, the property next to the gas station to a residential living space.

Attorney Allan stated this are cannot become residential living space as it is zoned as commercial space. In order to achieve this, Mr. Tal would have to apply for a special permit and be granted a use variance.

Mr. Reagan stated he is on vacation from August 24 until August 28 and Curt Field can cover in case of emergency.

Mayor Butler thanked Mr. Regan for his report and wished him a good vacation.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Butler asked if there were any questions regarding the meeting minutes from August 3, 2015. There were none.

Upon the motion of Trustee Waterman and seconded by Mayor Butler and unanimously approved, the Board approved the meeting minutes from August 3, 2015.

### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Mayor Butler asked the Board if there were any questions regarding payment of the vouchers. None were asked.

Upon the motion of Trustee Waterman and seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved by the Board, Abstract #16 was approved as follows:

General Fund	\$37,973.55
Sewer Rent Fund	\$4,987.97

### **Mayor's Announcements**

The next scheduled Board Meeting is on September 21, 2015. September 7, 2015 is Labor Day and there is no scheduled Board Meeting so the trustee will come in to approve vouchers.

The Clerk stated a Public Hearing may need to be scheduled in order to consider Mr. Tal's special permit application. The Board agreed to schedule a Public Hearing.

Upon the motion of Trustee Rinaldo and seconded by Trustee Eckert and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to schedule a Public Hearing on September 21, 2015 at 6:00 P.M regarding a Special Permit for 18 Genesee Street.

### **Attorney Comments**

Attorney Allan requests Executive Session.

The Performance Bonds came in for the First Street Roadway Improvements Project. They are limited to First Street only and does not include Button Avenue. A revised number needs to be determined to cover improvements to both streets. Trustee Waterman stated he will call the contractor regarding Button Avenue.

### **Old Business**

Trustee Waterman stated the sidewalk repairs are scheduled soon. The contractor wishes to create an extending slab on Leroy Street for an increased price. Gary Martin stated this may create a sloping slab. The contractor wants to know if the Village of Camillus will remove the

old pieces of concrete. Gary Martin stated the Village of Camillus will remove this concrete. The additional cost of this sidewalk will be \$2,370.00.

Upon the motion of Trustee Rinaldo and seconded Trustee Waterman and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to an additional 145 square feet of sidewalk from Leroy Street to First Street at the added cost of \$2,370.00 in order to avoid safety hazards.

Trustee Waterman reminded the Board of the mesh units to place around trees on Main Street. One mesh unit can be given free as a sample.

The Board agreed to the mesh unit around a tree.

Trustee Waterman advised of many trip hazards on Village sidewalks. A rented machine can grind these spots down to alleviate this trip hazards to avoid replacement.

Upon the motion of Trustee Waterman and seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to rent a sidewalk grinding machine for two days at the rate of \$200.00 per day to fix raised sidewalks as well as to have the salesperson on hand during the work.

Mayor Butler mentioned the previous request by Trustee Waterman to snowblow all sidewalks within the Village. The Village Code states residents are required to maintain sidewalks within their properties. The Village shall clear sidewalks East to West within the business district, but not the entire Village. Trustee Eckert stated the crosswalks should be cleared as well.

DPW Supervisor Gary Martin stated he has researched prices for a new snow blower to get this work done.

Upon the motion of Mayor Butler and seconded by Trustee Waterman and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to authorize the purchase of a new Arien's Hydro-Pro Commercial Snowblower machine at a price not to exceed the price of \$2,400.00 from Outdoor Power Equipment.

### **New Business**

Trustee Eckert stated work has started on the drainage on Milton Avenue near A&R Auto. Basins have also been cleaned within the Village on Maple Drive and on Rolling Hills Road.

Mayor Butler stated there was another round of grants for infrastructure projects. Engineer William Morse will assist in applications that may help Camillus Mills property.

### **Trustee Reports**

Trustee Waterman stated he has spoken with the surveyor regarding the Feeder Bank property. A final survey on the property may take about four weeks to finalize.

### **Public Comments**

Resident Betty Van Gelder thanked the Mayor and the Board for their effort to pursue the Verizon building issue. Mayor Butler expressed thanks to the Camillus Police Department and the Senator Schumer for their help as well.

Resident Belle Brown asked about a fundraiser for former Trustee Sue Hines. A fundraiser is planned at the VFW in Cicero for her in the future.

### **Executive Session**

Upon the motion of Trustee Eckert and seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to enter Executive Session at 7:59 P.M.

Upon the motion of Trustee Eckert and Trustee Waterman and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to exit Executive Session at 8:14 P.M.

Upon the motion of Trustee Rinaldo and seconded by Trustee Waterman and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to accept the application of Theresa Stachurski to become a Camillus Fire Department member.

Upon the motion of Trustee Waterman and seconded by Trustee Rinaldo and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to accept the application of Michael Tyler Nehl to become a Camillus Fire Department member.

Upon the motion of Trustee Eckert and seconded by Trustee and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to adjourn at 8:16 P.M.

By Christina Groesbeck  
Sharon Norcross, Village Clerk/Treasurer